The cost of damage to the Railway property was Rs. 9.06 and Rs. 8.46 crores in 1985-86 and 1984-85 respectively.

(e) Some of the important safety measures being taken to prevent derailments are:—

(i) Programmed rehabilitation of rolling stock, track and other assets.

(ii) Introduction of modern technological aids viz., ultrasonic testing of rails and rolling stock axles, provision of rack circuiting, axle counters, panel and route relay interlocking, etc.

(iii) Patrolling of track to detect rail fractures and adoption of anti-sabotage measures.

(iv) Stringent punitive action against the staff held responsible for derailments.

(v) Formation of high level multi-disciplinary Safety Task Force Teams to conduct detailed inspections on the various Zonal Railways with a view to identifying the unsafe working practices and weaknesses in the system and taking remedial measures.

Unclaimed billets lying at Vishakhapatnam Port

1566. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 35,000 metric tonnes of imported billets worth rupees ten crores imported by Minerals and Metal Trading Corporation (MMTC) have been lying unclaimed at Visakhapatnam Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Visakhapatnam Port Authorities in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Computerised reservation terminals

1567. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open more computerised reservation terminals during 1986 in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof nd the names of the Stations where these re to be opened; and

(c) the estimated expenditure to be spent on it and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The total estimated expenditure on computerised reservation system at Delhi